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SUBJECT: JOINT US-CHINA STATEMENT ON CLEAN ENERGY AND
CLIMATE COOPERATION

Classified By: EAP DAS John Norris, for reasons 1.4 (b) and
(d).

¶1. (U) This is an action message; please see paragraph five.
below.

¶2. (C) We request post approach appropriate Chinese
officials and express the Secretary's interest in jointly
issuing the statement below with one of her counterparts
during her visit to Beijing. Post should solicit Chinese
views on the appropriate official to issue the statement with
the Secretary.

¶3. (C/REL China) BEGIN STATEMENT. The United States and the
People's Republic of China held constructive conversations on
the critical issues of clean energy and climate change on
February XX, 2009. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and
(XX) agreed, building on the good progress that has already
been made, to launch a major partnership between the United
States and China to develop clean energy technologies. Such
technologies are essential to spur sustainable economic
growth and development in both countries as well as solve the
increasingly urgent problem of global climate change.

¶4. (C/REL China) STATEMENT CONTINUED. In their
conversations, it was proposed that both sides undertake
joint efforts on research, development, demonstration and
deployment of critical technologies designed to speed the
transformation to lower-carbon economies. Both sides
recognize that such a transformation can drive economic
growth and job creation at the same time that it preserves a
safe and healthy environment. Areas for useful cooperation
include renewable energy, carbon capture and storage, energy
efficiency and sectoral measures, as well as the joint
exchange of best practice information not only at the
national level, but also between states and provinces and
between cities. Both sides also agreed that they share a
common interest in working to promote a successful agreed
outcome at climate change talks to be held in Copenhagen in
December 2009. Both sides agree to hold regular consultations
between senior officials on all elements of this broad
program. END STATEMENT.

¶5. (U) Washington appreciates Post's assistance. Please
report results of discussions.

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